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Texas Man Indicted for Deceptive Trade Practices Violations

PIERRE, S.D. – Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that Ricky Gene Fite, 30, Denton, Texas, was indicted on two counts of failure to inform buyer of their right to cancel, class 6 felony, punishable by up to 2 years in the penitentiary and/or \$4,000 fine, two counts failure to furnish cancellation form, class 6 felony, punishable by up to 2 years in the penitentiary and/or \$4,000 fine and two counts of engaging in business as a contractor without obtaining a state excise tax license, class one misdemeanor.

Charges stem from an asphalt paving job Fite was conducted in Stanley County. Fite was operating under the business names Tri-state Paving, American Paving, JLB Young Paving, Young Paving, JLB Y Construction, American Asphalt and Ricky, Rickey & Ricky Asphalt.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is working with local authorities to determine if there are additional victims. Contact the Consumer Protection Division at 800-300-1986 or consumerhelp@state.sd.us if you believe you may be a victim or if you have any additional information about this company.

Fite is presumed innocent until such time as proven guilty.

This case is a joint investigation with the Stanley County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Department of Revenue and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.